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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF NORTH SEA OIL

AND GAS OPERATIONS

1. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IS CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE ATLANTIC AND GULF OF ALASKA OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (ENERGY MESSAGE, APRIL 18, 1973). DR. STEPHEN GAGE, STUDY DIRECTOR, LED INITIAL U.S. TEAM IN SUCCESSFUL ROUND OF DISCUSSION ON RELEVANT NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS (PARTICULARLY IN UK AND NORWAY'S EKOFISK FIELD) DURING WEEK OF JULY 16-20. DISCUSSION CONCENTRATING ON OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY AND ITS REGULATHION WERE HELD WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INSUTRY, SCOTTISH ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD, AND OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.

2. A SECOND U.S. TEAM PLANS TO FOLLOW-UP WITH ROUND

OF DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS AND ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS USED BY DIFFERENT NORTH SEA COUNTRIES. THIS TEAM WILL BE COMPOSED OF DRS. IRVIN WHITE AFD MICHAEL CHARCOT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (UNDER CONTRACT TO CEQ). OTHER TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE NAMED LATER. U.S. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN DISCUSSION IN UK DURING PERIOD OF AUGUST 13-17, PROCEED TO NORWAY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 20-21, AND THEN POSSIBLY TO DENMARK FOR DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 22 AND HETHERLANDS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 23-24.

3. U.S. TEAM REQUESTS US EMBASSY LONDON TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH UK EXPERTS ON FULL RANGE OF INPACTS OF NORTH SEA OIL AND AGAS DEVELOPMENT AND WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS GROUPS CONCERNED WITH THESE IMPACTS. THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND CONTACTS ARE SUGGESTED.

AUGUST 12 TEAM ARRIVES LONDON  
TEAM RENTS CAR AND TRAVELS TO BURNHAM-ON-CHURCH

AUGUST 13(AM) DISCUSSIONS WITH FISHERIES LABORATORY (DRS. J.E. PORTMANN AND R.G. SHELTON). IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF ALAN PRESTON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FISHERIES LABORATORY, LOWESTON, OR APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUE, COULD JOIN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

AUGUST 13 (PM) TRAVEL TO STEVENAGE, HEARTFORDSHIRE. DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. PAUL JEFFERY, HEAD, OIL POLLUTION DIVISION, WARREN SPRINGS LABORATORY. TRAVEL BY CAR OR TRAIN TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

AUGUST 14(AM) DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVID LEA, SECRETARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OIL POLLUTION IN THE SEA IN SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE. IF CONTACT WITH LEA PROVES DIFFICULT, INQUIRE OF L.F. STANDEN, MARINE DIVISION, DTI. MEETING IN LONDON WITH LEA OR LORD KENNET WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR TEAM.

AUGUST 14 (PM) MEETING WITH NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON

AUGUST 15 ARRANGE MEETING IN LONDON, IF POSSIBLE, WITH-DR. MOLLY F. SPOONER, MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND--MISS JENNY BAKER, THE OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH UNIT, ORIELTON FIELD CENTRE, ORIELTON, NORTH PEMBROKE, SOUTH WALES--DR. D.A. NELSON-SMITH, COLLEGE OF SWANSEA, SWANSEA, WALES --DR. R.B. CLARK, UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, N.E. 1 7RV. UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (UNDER CEQ CONTRACT)

CAN PAY THEIR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES AND DOLS 100 PER DAY CONSULTING FEES. IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONDON MEETING NOT POSSIBLE, THEN EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MUTUALLY MEETING LOCATION AND APPROPRIATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT. TEAM NOTICED THAT BRITISH RAILAIR CONNECTIONS CAN BE MADE VIA GATWICK TO EXETER.

AUGUST (EVE) DEPARTURE FOR ABERDEEN

AUGUST 16(AM) MEETING WITH ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (PROFESSORS GEORGE M. DUNNET, V.C. WYNNE-EDWARDS, JOHN MATHEWS, KENNETH WALTON, AND CHARLES GIMINGHAM). IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF THIS GROUP COULD BRIEF TEAM ON RESULTS OF UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE STUDY OF MONTROSE HARBOR.

AUGUST 16(PM) MEETING WITH MR. NORMAN BEATTIE, GENERAL MANAGER, ABERDEEN HARBOR BOARD. IF TIME AVAILABLE, TEAM TO TOUR PETERHEAD AND MONTROSE HARBOR AND CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES.

AUGUST 17(AM)- MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL OR PLANNING BOARD IN ABERDEEN ON LAND USE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM NORTH SEA OPERATIONS LOCATED IN ABERDEEN AREA. CONTRACTS COULD BE PROVIDED BY SCOTTISH ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD (J.B. FLEMING, EDINBURGH).

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(AM OR PM) SAME AS MORNING SESSION BUT WITH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.

AUGUST 17(PM) TEAM TO TOUR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN MONTROSE-ABERDEEN-PETERHEAD AREA (AS OPTION TO AUGUST 16 PM) OR INVERNESS AREA (TIME PERMITTING).

AUGUST 18 CONNECTIONS TO OSLO, NORWAY

4. U.S. TEAM REQUESTS US EMBASSY OSLO TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN OSLO ON AUGUST 20-21 WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:

--APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCIES (INCLUDING ROYAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY) OVERSEEING GRANTING OF CONCESSIONS AND SETTING OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS (B.N. IT IS UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. TEAM THAT NINE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED WITH APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT USED IN NORWEGIAN SECTOR OF NORTH SEA. EMBASSY SHOULD IDENTIFY TWO-THREE MOST IMPORTANT AGENCIES OR COORDINATING ENTITY TO USE TEAM'S

TIME MOST EFFECTIVELY).

-- MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT. UNIT(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATING BOTH OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE EFFECTS OF NORTH SEA DEVELOPMENT.

-- NORSKAVERITAS. DIVISION INVOLVED IN INSURING OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS

-- UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY. INDIVIDUALS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH. (IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO TALK WITH UNIVERSITY OF OSLO RESEARCHERS FAMILIAR WITH SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF BEEGEN, TRONDHEIM UNIVERSITY, AND TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY). IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR EXPERTS FROM TRONDHEIM UNIVERSITY TO MEET WITH U.S. TEAM, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CAN REIMBURSE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAH 3 ABOVE. U.S. TEAM PLANS TO DEPART OSLO FOR COPENHAGEN AT 2120 ON AUGUST 21.  
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5. U.S. TEAM REQUEST AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCIES DEALING WITH NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS TO DETERMINE IF DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE PROFITABLE. U.S. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS ON NORTH SEA EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND ENVIRONMENT WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. U.S. TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONSULT ON OIL POLLUTION AND ONSHORE INDUSTRIAL IMPACTS WITH LEADING AUTHORITIES FROM UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH LABORATORIES. POSSIBLE CONTACTS IN DENMARK ARE--MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (JENS KAMPANN)--MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS--MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK. BECAUSE OF LIMITED TIME, U.S. TEAM CAN NOT MAKE VISITS OF MARGINAL VALUE. AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO DECISIONS ON ITINERARY CAN BE MADE AND COMMUNICATED BACK TO EMBASSY FOR CONFIRMATION. U.S. TEAM PLANS TO LEAVE COPENHAGEN AT 2005 ON AUGUST 22 FOR AMSTERDAM.

6. U.S. TEAM REQUESTS EMBASSY THE HAGUE TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCIES DEALING WITH NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS TO DETERMINE IF DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE PROFITABLE. U.S. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS ON NORTH SEA EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND ENVIRONMENT WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. U.S. TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONSULT ON OIL POLLUTION AND ONSHORE INDUSTRIAL IMPACTS WITH LEADING AUTHORITIES FROM UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH

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